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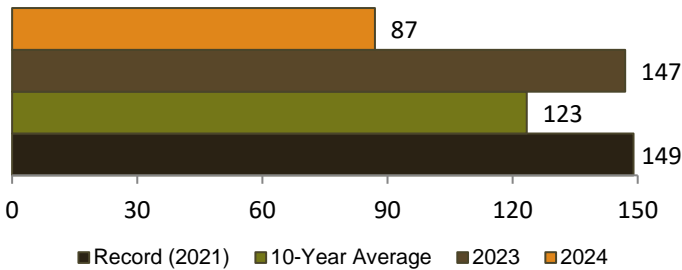
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## 2024 CROP SUMMARY

### Corn for Grain

- North Carolina farmers harvested 815,000 acres of corn for grain in 2024, down 85,000 acres from 2023.
- Yield averaged 87 bushels per acre, down 60 bushels from the 147 bushels per acre averaged in 2023.
- Production at 70.905 million bushels was 46% lower than the 2023 total of 132.3 million bushels.

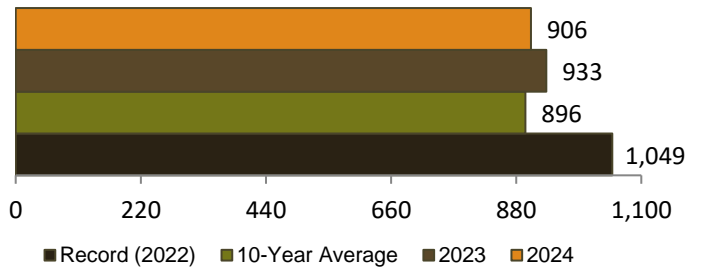
Corn for Grain Yield - (Bushels)



### Cotton

- Cotton acres harvested in 2024 totaled 400,000, up 30,000 acres from the 370,000 harvested in 2023.
- Yield averaged 906 pounds per acre, down 27 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production at 755,000 bales was up 5% from the 719,000 bales produced in 2023.

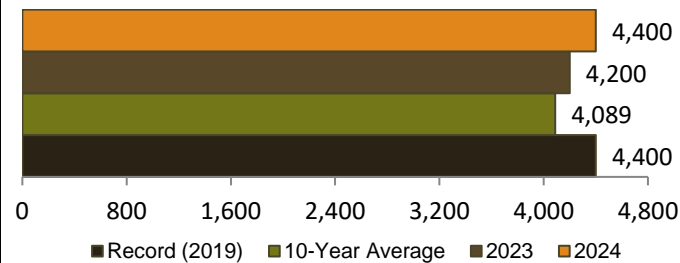
Upland Cotton Yield - (Pounds)



### Peanuts

- North Carolina farmers harvested 129,000 acres of peanuts in 2024, 6,000 acres higher than the 123,000 acres harvested in 2023.
- Yield per acre at 4,400 pounds was up 200 pounds from the 2023 estimate.
- Production at 567.6 million pounds was up 10% from 516.6 million pounds of peanuts produced in 2023.

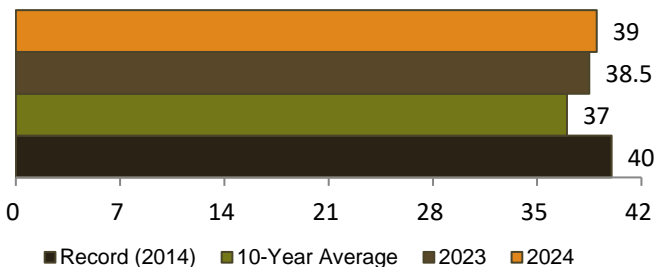
Peanut Yield - (Pounds)



### Soybeans

- Soybean acres harvested in 2024 totaled 1.61 million. This was down 10,000 acres from the 1.62 million acres harvested in 2023.
- Yield averaged 39 bushels per acre, which is up 0.5 bushels per acre from last year.
- Production totaled 62.79 million bushels, up 1% from last year's production of 62.37 million bushels.

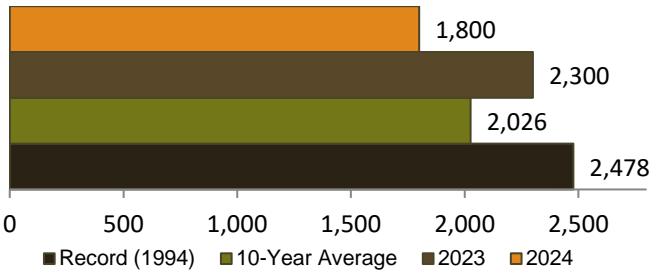
Soybean Yield - (Bushels)



### Flue-cured Tobacco

- North Carolina farmers harvested 114,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco in 2024, up 1,000 acres from last year.
- Yield averaged 1,800 pounds per acre, down from the 2,300 pounds per acre averaged in 2023.
- Production at 205.2 million pounds down 21% from last year's production at 259.9 million pounds.

Flue-cured Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



### NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

Crops	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production		Percent Change
		2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
		<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>(Thousands)</i>				<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Barley	Bu.	16	16	10	10	76	75	760	750	-1
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup>	Bu.	950	890	900	815	147	87	132,300	70,905	-46
Corn for Silage	Ton			30	20	18	12	540	240	-56
Cotton: Upland <sup>2</sup>	Lb.	380	410	370	400	933	906	719	755	+5
Hay: All	Ton			657	588	2.11	2.21	1,383	1,299	-6
Hay: Alfalfa <sup>3</sup>	Ton			7	8	2.60	2.90	18	23	+28
Hay: Other	Ton			650	580	2.10	2.20	1,365	1,276	-7
Oats	Bu.	37	34	14	12	77	73	1,078	876	-19
Peanuts	Lb.	124	130	123	129	4,200	4,400	516,600	567,600	+10
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	1,640	1,630	1,620	1,610	38.5	39.0	62,370	62,790	+1
Tobacco: Flue-Cured	Lb.			113	114	2,300	1,800	259,900	205,200	-21
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	480	410	400	330	70	57	28,000	18,810	-33

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes. <sup>2</sup> Production in 480-lb net weight bale. Production ginned and to be ginned. <sup>3</sup> Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

### Winter Wheat Seedings - (Thousand Acres)

